

# Savanna School District

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The Honorable Maria D. Hernandez  
Presiding Judge  
Orange County Superior Court  
700 Civic Center Drive West  
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Re: Savanna School District's Response to the 2023-24 Orange County Grand Jury Report on *Use of Artificial Intelligence in Public Schools (K-12)*

To the Honorable Maria D. Hernandez:

The Savanna School District (District) commends the Grand Jury for its time and attention devoted to studying this very important issue and publishing the Grand Jury Report dated June 12, 2024 entitled: *Use of Artificial Intelligence in Public Schools (K-12)* ("Report").

The District has thoroughly reviewed and considered the Findings and Recommendations in the Report. In accordance with California Penal Code sections 933 and 933.05, the Grand Jury has requested that the District respond to Findings and Recommendations made in the Report. The District responds to the Grand Jury's Findings and Recommendations with the following:

## Finding 1

**Orange County's K-12 public schools have implemented policies and/or guidelines around the use of different AI platforms in varying and inconsistent ways. Some prohibit AI's use; others allow it: and some don't have policies or guidelines governing AI at all.**

The District agrees with the finding.

The District cannot comment on other districts' policies and/or guidelines around the use of AI platforms. As it pertains to Savanna School District, we have updated Board Policy, our Administrative Regulations, Student Internet Policy and our Annual Notification to all staff.

## Finding 2

**Superintendents provide varying levels of support in implementing AI policies and/or guidelines in their respective school districts.**

The District partially disagrees with the finding.

The District partially disagrees in that it cannot comment on the superintendent's level of support in implementing AI policies and/or guidelines in other districts. As it pertains to Savanna School District, the Superintendent has overseen the implementation of our updated policies, regulations and notifications. In addition, she has kept up to date on emerging programs and concerns.

### Finding 3

**There are many resources to guide educators in using AI. Several are available at the local level through the Orange County Department of Education, Orange County Board of Education, CEO Leadership Alliance Orange County, and Orange Unified School District Technology Department, to name a few. However, utilization and even awareness of the availability of such resources is highly variable across school districts.**

The District partially disagrees with the finding.

The District does not have firsthand information regarding the utilization and awareness of the availability of the AI resources across school districts. As it pertains to Savanna School District, we remain focused on making sure any offered resources are age appropriate for our young students. In our elementary school district, we do not allow the use of the broad range of AI tools and systems that other districts might use.

### Recommendation 1

**By June 30, 2025, Orange County's K-12 schools should implement policies and guidelines regarding the appropriate use of AI. These may be provided at the district level or within individual schools through the adoption of an Acceptable Use Policy, Code of Ethics, or other written directives addressing the use of AI.**

The recommendation has been implemented.

The District has implemented this recommendation as follows: Savanna School District has updated our Board Policy, Administrative Regulations, our Student Internet Use Policy as well as our Annual Notifications to all staff.

### Recommendation 2

**Superintendents should ensure that their schools have policies that cover, at a minimum: the scope, guiding principles, and training regarding the responsible use of AI tools by students and teachers; any prohibited uses of special considerations regarding AI tools; and related security, privacy, and safety considerations.**

The recommendation has been partially implemented, with full implementation planned for the 2025-26 school year.

The District has partially implemented this recommendation as follows: Savanna School District has implemented a strict policy prohibiting the use of AI for students and also has implemented a policy that prohibits staff from inputting sensitive information into any AI platform. District staff will have an added AI training added to their yearly training starting in the 2025- 2026 school year.

### **Recommendation 3**

**K-12 students should be trained on the appropriate use of AI.**

The recommendation will be implemented in the 2024-2025 school year.

The District will implement this recommendation by January 2025, with the following action plan: the Savanna School District updated the student internet safety training to include information on the safe use of AI.

### **Recommendation 4**

**K-12 teachers should be trained on the appropriate use of AI.**

The recommendation has not yet been implemented, but will be implemented in the future.

The District has not yet implemented this recommendation but will implement this recommendation by the 2025-2026 school year, with the following action plan: teachers will have an additional informational training on the safe uses of AI in the classroom.

### **Recommendation 5**

**Schools and educators should be encouraged to collaborate with the various available AI consortiums and think tanks, such as OCDE and CLAOC, to effectively implement AI and establish basic tenets for its use.**



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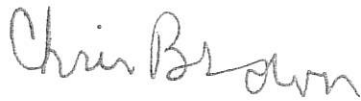
The recommendation has not yet been implemented, but will be implemented in the future.

The District has not yet implemented this recommendation but will implement this recommendation by the 2025-2026 school year, with the following action plan: information regarding consortiums and AI events held locally by OCDE will be shared with teachers. Teachers will have the opportunity to collaborate and establish basic tenets for AI use.

Please accept the information provided herein as the Savanna School District's responses to the Orange County Grand Jury's Factual Findings and Recommendation in the Report.

Sincerely,

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